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**REMARKS**

1. Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.
2. In Section 2 of the Action, the Examiner states that claims 10-19 and 21 are allowed. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability.
2. In Section 3 of the Action, the Examiner states that claims 2-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has complied with the Examiner's request by amending claim 1 to incorporate the features of claim 2 and amending claim 3 to make it dependent on claim 1.
3. In Section 1 of the Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 9 and 20 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,757,323 to Spencer. The Applicant has amended claim 1, as discussed above, and submit that claim 1 as amended is patentable, together with claim 9, at least by virtue of its dependency on claim 1. Further, claim 20 has been amended to incorporate the feature "wherein the central dielectric portions have a length, said length being variable among individual wave antennas, the array exhibiting a lens-shaped periphery by virtue of said variable length". Support for this feature can be found, for example, in allowed claim 12. The Applicant submits that claim 20 as amended is patentable.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat

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this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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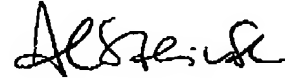
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